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Applicant : Arne HOLMGREN et al.

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For : SUBSTRATE FOR THIOREDOXIN REDUCTASE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 10, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response June 10, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months until September 10, 2003, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.